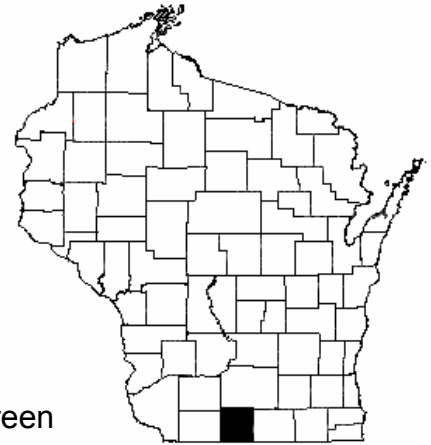




# **Fish and Wildlife Conservation**

How Fish and Wildlife Dollars Are Used in Your Backyard

## **Green County**



### ***County characteristics***

- 593 sq. mi., population 33,647 (2000 census)
- Unglaciared "driftless" area; former prairie and oak savanna; now extensively farmed.
- Waters: 470 miles of streams, including 68 miles of trout water on 16 streams. There are 5 lakes in the county, including Beckman Lake in Cadiz Springs State Park
- 6,870 licensed anglers and 4,888 hunters and trappers reside in Green County



### ***State Land Open to Hunting and Fishing***

- 3,620 acres of State Wildlife Area
- 1,457 acres of State Park/Natural Areas
- 58 miles of public frontage on streams

Our Wildlife and Fisheries lands are operated with license dollars. You can locate DNR properties for all your outdoor activities at:

[www.dnr.wi.gov/org/land/facilities/dnr\\_land\\_mapping.html](http://www.dnr.wi.gov/org/land/facilities/dnr_land_mapping.html)

### ***Fish and Wildlife Staff serving you***

1 Wildlife biologist; 1 Wildlife technician, 1 Fisheries biologist, 1 Fisheries technician, 1 Conservation Warden \*These staff members also serve portions of Rock and Lafayette Counties

### ***Activities Funded by Your Hunting and Fishing Dollars***

- Establish and maintain grassland and wetland habitat for ducks, pheasants, and other wildlife species on public as well as private lands.
- Preserve and restore original prairie remnants on public and private lands. Work closely with NRCS to promote the Conservation Reserve Program.
- The local Conservation Warden worked with the sophomore class at Albany High School to clean-up and make improvements to Albany Public Hunting Area. They re-painted and replaced signs and collected litter.
- Fisheries manages trout streams for recreation by improving habitat and securing easements.
- Conservation Wardens apprehended several subjects for hunting over baited areas; baiting is prohibited because bait sites concentrate wildlife and can promote disease spread.
- Manage DNR land by posting public hunting and access sites, as well as building and maintaining parking areas and initiating habitat development and maintenance projects.
- Monitor local wildlife populations of ducks, geese, turkeys, pheasants, grouse, woodcock, deer, frogs, grassland birds, and eagles.
- Respond to numerous wildlife damage and nuisance complaints and monitor wildlife diseases including chronic wasting disease (CWD) and West Nile Virus.

- Provide educational programs for schools, conservation organizations and civic groups.

## Green County Conservation Snapshots

- Wardens taught at seven Hunter Education courses involving 172 students through cooperative effort with volunteer instructors
- Wardens responded to 22 Hotline Complaints from citizens
- Eight Deer and Turkey registration stations set up to provide four distinct seasonal registration needs
- Staff processed over 3,000 Green County registration records last year on deer, turkey, and furbearers

## Fish & Wildlife Stocking Summary

22,705 walleyes and 12,877 trout were stocked in Green County lakes and streams last year.

## County Success Stories

An introduction of wild strain Iowa pheasants to the area approximately 15 years ago, coupled with extensive efforts by Wildlife biologists to develop and manage habitat on private lands, has resulted in a pheasant resource reminiscent of the populations present in Green County in the 1950's.

